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FOR GORDON O. FRASER, FAS, USDA WASHDC

1. AT SEPARATE AND COMBINED MEETINGS OF THESE GROUPS, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT MILK PRODUCTION IS INCREASING IN MOST OECD COUNTRIES, AND SURPLUSES OF BUTTER WILL INCREASE IN BOTH THE SHORT RUN AND INTO THE LATE 1970' S, UNLESS CHANGED POLICIES-- WHICH WERE NOT DISCUSSED-- ARE INVOKED.

THE LINKAGE BETWEEN MILK AND BEEF PRODUCTION WAS DISCUSSED, PARTICULARLY UNDER EUROPEAN CONDITIONS WHERE THE DUAL-PURPOSE COW IS FAVORED, AND THE PARADOX WAS NOTED THAT MORE INDIGENOUSLY- PRODUCED BEEF MEANS MORE MILK AS WELL, UNLESS THERE IS FIRST TO BE A SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL CHANGE.

BEEF SUPPLIES WERE SEEN AS INCREASING BY THE MID AND LATER 1970' S WITH SIGNIFICANT INCREASES FROM AUSTRALIA, TO THE POINT THAT DELEGATES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE PRICE DECLINES BY THEN OR EARLIER. AIRGRAM ON MEETING FOLLOWS. BROWN

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